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## Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

NAITO ET AL.

Examiner

Alexander D Gilman

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

### Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 December 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
- 1) ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  - 2) ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

### Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 12/12/2003.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1,3-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Sakuragi et al.

With regard to claims 1,3, 4 Sakuragi et al (US 6,466,437) disclose an electrical cable assembly, comprising:

a cable (30), and

electrical connectors(21, 11) which are fixed on both ends of the cable and include an electrical contact and a housing storing the electrical contact, the housings having interchangeable mating surfaces, wherein only one of electrical connectors has an equalizer circuit comprising (24) a substrate electrically interconnected to the cable and to the connector contact.(24) at least one of the electrical connectors has a visual indicator (a difference in size with respect to the other connector) different from that of the other electrical connector.

With regard to claims 5, 6 Sakuragi et al discloses that the substrate has at least one passive and active component mounted thereon (cil. 5, lines 9-12).

Claims 1,5, 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Boutros et al.

With regard to claim 1, Boutros et al (US 6,,796,806) disclose an electrical cable assembly, comprising:

a cable (Fig. 8, 9), and

electrical connectors(Fig. 1,16) which are fixed on both ends of the cable and include an electrical contact and a housing storing the electrical contact, the housings having interchangeable mating surfaces,

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wherein only one of electrical connectors has an equalizer circuit comprising (3) a substrate electrically interconnected to the cable and to the connector contact.(2) at least one of the electrical connectors has a visual indicator (Abstract, lines 13-16) different from that of the other electrical connector.

With regard to claims 5, 6 Boutrosi et al discloses that the substrate has at least one passive and active component mounted thereon

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boutros et al in view of Kelly .

With regard to claim 2, Boutros et al disclose all of the limitations except for the visual indicator being a color of a cover housing.

Kelly (US 3,689,866) discloses (col. 4, lines 54-55) the visual indicator being a color of a cover housing. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the color identification of the connector, as taught by Kelly , to visually identify the type of the connector

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boutros et al in view of Zhang et al

With regard to claim 7, Boutros et al disclose all of the limitations except for the cable assembly complying with the Digital Visual Interface standard.

Zheng et al (US 6,736,676) disclose that DVI standard is recommended in connector technology for connecting LCD monitors.

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Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to follow DVI standard , as taught by Zheng et al , to connect the host to LCD with Boutros et al type of connector

Claim 8 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boutros et al

With regard to claim 8, Boutros et al disclose all of the limitations except for the cable assembly complying with the High-Definition Multimedia Interface Specification.

As it pointed out in Background section of the current specification (p. 3), HDMI standard is recommended to follow for connection between a host side and PDP.


Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to follow HDMI standard , as taught by the current specification , to connect the host to PDP with Boutros et al type of connector.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander D Gilman whose telephone number is 571 272-2004. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Paula A. Bradley can be reached on 571 272-2800 ext. 33. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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